

Hybrid Warfare and the Legal Protection of Submarine Cables

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Damage to subsea data and power cables has increased in frequency. The main legal challenges to the protection of submarine cables lie outside the limits of the territorial sea and in straits. What can Japan learn from the cable cuts caused by anchor-dragging ships in the North Sea, the Baltic Sea, and the Taiwan Strait? Is it possible to exercise criminal and enforcement jurisdiction against such foreign ships under the law of the sea? Please pre-register yourself through the QR code or <https://forms.office.com/r/qUvg3HTX7R> (by 25th Nov.)

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